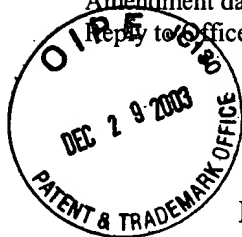


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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated August 22, 2003, the period of response having been extended to December 22, 2003 by a one-month extension of time and fee filed currently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper and include annotated sheets showing changes and replacement sheets (attached as Exhibit A).

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**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.